

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20190183**  
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 Department: **Waste and recycling**  
 Title: **Recycling and related**  
 Description: **Recycling costs, percentage recycled and recycling centres between 2009/10 to 2018/19.**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request copies of the following:

- How much money the council has spent on recycling in each year since 2009-10.
- The number of recycling points in the area covered by the council each year since 2009-10.
- The number of household waste recycling centres in each year since 2009-10.
- The number of hours household waste recycling centres have been open each week in each year since 2009-10.
- The percentage of household waste recycled in the area covered by the council in each year since 2009-10.
- The percentage of waste from council buildings recycled in each year since 2009-10

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

**1. Please see table below:**

How much money the council has spent on recycling in each year since 2009-10?										
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Recycling Collection	984,373	979,816	971,005	907,271	956,240	1,066,461	1,019,383	1,027,418	1,025,586	1,092,133
*Note: waste and recycling collections are not split on the finance ledger therefore an estimated split has been made. It also excludes overheads such as depot costs										

**2. The council currently have 7 sites. The number of sites has been reduced over the last 12 years however records of when the reductions took place are not held.**

**3. These centres are not managed by Hertsmere Borough Council.**

**4. N/A**

**5. Please see below taken from our waste data s/sheets each year:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Recycling rate</b>
2009/10	39.13%
2010/11	40.04%
2011/12	46.70%
2012/13	45.10%
2013/14	43.88%
2014/15	45.67%
2015/16	44.44%
2016/17	45.75%
2017/18	45.55%

**6. This information is not held.**

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services